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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Sam K. Ahn

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 2-18 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 2, line 14, "branch," should be "branch, and".

In claim 4, line 16, "first IF" should be "said first IF", line 17, "and second" should be "and said second", line 19, "second IF" should be "said second IF", line 20, "and fourth" should be "and said fourth".

In claim 5, line 4, "the IF" should be "an IF".

In claim 6, line 3, "the IF" should be "IF", line 7, "for tuning" should be "for said tuning".

In claim 8, lines 3-4, "a certain operating" should be "an operating".

In claim 9, line 4, "that at least" should be "that said at least".

In claim 10, line 2, "for transmitting at a" should be "for said transmitting at said".

In claim 15, line 3, "branches one" should be "branches, one", line 5, "branches and which" should be "branches which", line 6, "a certain operating" should be "an operating", line 7, "to make measurements" should be "measuring", line 10, "interrupted; and " should be "interrupted;", line 11, "said measuring block is set" should be "setting said measuring block", line 11, "measurement at" should be "measurement at said".

In claim 16, line 6, "different" should be "at least two", line 14, "to other" should be "to said other".

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In claim 17, line 13, "branch switching" should be "branch including switching", line 14, "said reception" should be "said at least one reception", line 15, "switch" should be "switching means", line 16, "receiver" should be "receiver means".

In claim 18, line 6, "the different" should be "the at least two".

Claims 3,7 and 11-14 directly depend on claim 2, 8 or 9. Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Schiff et al. US 6,233,456 B1 teach searching receiver measuring pilot signals at an operating frequency during soft handoff.

Lindenmeier et al. US 6,169,888 B1 teach switches in a receiver to improve signal reception.

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Claim objections.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Ahn whose telephone number is (571) 272-3044. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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